

ABSTRACT

Disclosed is a folding knife (10) having a handle (12) and a blade (14) mounted on a pivot axis (16). The blade (14) is locked in open (Fig. 4) and closed (Fig. 2) positions by a
5 slidable latch member or bolt (22). The bolt (22) is biased toward the locked position by a gas spring (38) which operates as a sealed, gas filled, variable volume piston/cylinder unit.

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